

## 4.2.12 DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE

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### **NEW DEPLOYMENTS**

#### **WEST VIRGINIA SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING**

*March 15<sup>th</sup> Severe weather has caused flooding, mudslides and landslides in West Virginia. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> a Presidential Declaration of Disaster was declared for Lincoln, Logan and Mingo counties.*

##### LOGAN COUNTY, WV

##### **AmeriCorps NCCC – Southern Region**

##### ***April 1<sup>st</sup>***

AmeriCorps NCCC has sent two teams, Delta 8 (12 members) and River 6 (10 members) to Logan County to assist the Logan County Emergency Management with local efforts to support survivor and community recovery, including: call center management, client intake and survey for long-term recovery, volunteer and donations management, mucking and gutting, and minor stream debris removal. Delta 8 and River 6 will be deployed until April 27<sup>th</sup>.

##### LOGAN COUNTY, WV

##### **CNCS Disaster Cadre**

##### ***April 1<sup>st</sup>***

Bill Dillon, a seasoned Disaster Cadre member has been deployed to Logan County, WV to support the FEMA Region 3 and FEMA DR-4061-WV Individual Assistance VAL Unit in providing management of AmeriCorps Team deployments, including logistics, leading, training, coordinating with partners and reporting needed information to FEMA. Mr. Dillon will be deployed for two weeks.

### **NEW DISASTER EVENTS**

***FOR INFORMATION ON NEW DISASTER EVENTS, PLEASE  
VISIT FEMA'S DAILY SITUATION REPORT PAGE AT:***

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/reports/index.shtm>

## ONGOING DEPLOYMENTS

### **INDIANA TORNADOES**

*March 2<sup>nd</sup>* The National Weather Service received 16 reports of possible tornadoes on Friday, March 2. There were 13 confirmed fatalities in Clark County and five injuries. Media reported the near total destruction of the town of Maryville in Clark County. Several road closures have been reported due to debris. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### JEFFERSONVILLE, IN

##### **Interfaith Council RSVP**

*March 6th*

The Interfaith Council RSVP in New Albany, IN has sent 20 RSVP members to set up and administer a Volunteer Reception Center in Jeffersonville, IN to assist Clark County, IN. This county includes the heavily damaged communities of Henryville, Marysville and Borden. These members have committed to this task for as long as is necessary.

##### **AmeriCorps NCCC - North Central Region**

*March 22<sup>nd</sup>* NCCC North Central Region will be deploying Cedar 4, a team of 11 members to Jeffersonville, IN to support the United Way in operating the Volunteer Reception Center. Cedar 4 will be working to coordinate the volunteers working in Henryville and surrounding areas. Cedar 4 is expected to be deployed until April 27th.

### **KENTUCKY TORNADOES**

*March 2<sup>nd</sup>* In addition to the tornadoes that struck several Kentucky counties on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, severe storms impacted far western Kentucky and the southeastern corner of the State on March 2. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### WEST LIBERTY AND MENIFEE COUNTY, KY

##### **Morehead State University AmeriCorps Program**

*March 12th*

The MSUCorps is collaborating with the Morehead State University Center for Regional Engagement to provide relief efforts in West Liberty. Members are working with All Hands, NECHAMA, the American Red Cross, AmeriCorps NCCC members, FEMA and the Index Community Center to provide volunteer leadership, home assessments and donations collection, management and distribution. Other members are serving in Menifee County, sorting and delivering food donations to storm survivors and leading volunteers in debris removal.

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## WEST LIBERTY, KY

### **Morehead State University AmeriCorps VISTA and Gateway Homeless Coalition AmeriCorps VISTA** *March 8th*

Two AmeriCorps VISTAs have opened a Volunteer Reception Center in West Liberty. This VRC was opened at 12:00pm today. These members will be administering the VRC with additional assistance from AmeriCorps NCCC. This activity will end on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **AmeriCorps NCCC- Southern Region**

#### **UPDATE** *March 8th*

The NCCC Southern Region will be sending Delta 1, a team of twelve members to West Liberty, KY to assist Morehead State University with Volunteer Reception Center administration and volunteer leadership. Delta 1 will be working closely with the Morehead State University AmeriCorps VISTA project. The team's deployment has been extended from April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **MISSOURI TORNADES**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** *A series of tornadoes struck the state of Missouri, including an EF-2 that hit Kimberling City and Branson. Damages were reported to over 167 homes. Three confirmed fatalities and over 50 injuries have been reported statewide.*

*On March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Idara Nickelson, Chief Programs Officer and Kelly DeGraff, Director of Disaster Services of CNCS visited tornado impacted communities and met with key leaders in the recovery effort in Joplin.*

### **AmeriCorps St. Louis – 12 Members Deployed**

*February 29<sup>th</sup>*

Stone and Taney Counties have requested AmeriCorps members through their State EMA. AmeriCorps St. Louis began staging Volunteer Reception Centers late Wednesday, splitting 12 members between each VRC. These members will be led by a veteran AmeriCorps member who was active during the Joplin Tornado response. These VRCs will focus on volunteer coordination and debris removal. AmeriCorps St. Louis will also be contributing assistance for tarping and sheltering. Two members have been placed to support the state's 211 call center. A team of five are also being utilized to fight a wildfire that was present but exacerbated by the severe weather. The Stone County VRC may be reached at 417-598-8871 and Taney County VRC at 417-598-8865

## **OHIO SEVERE WEATHER**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** *The National Weather Service received nine reports of possible tornadoes on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are two confirmed fatalities and eight injuries.*

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## STAND-BY

### **ARKANSAS TORNADO**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** *An unconfirmed tornado was reported near the towns of Unionville and Cedarville in Crawford County, not major damage was reported. The State Emergency Operations Center reports that straight line winds caused property damage in Morrilton and Midway in Baxter County. At least 25 homes have been damaged. No injuries or deaths have been reported and the Arkansas EOC is not activated.*

#### **AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and State Service Commission**

*March 16th*

AmeriCorps NCCC and the State Service Commission are on stand-by to assist in the response effort.

### **LOUISIANA SEVERE WEATHER**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** *The National Weather Service confirmed 7 tornado touchdowns in Louisiana in Jefferson Davis, Vermilion, Ascension, St Mary and Caldwell Parishes and one possible touch down in St Tammany Parish. Additionally, flooding and threat of additional flooding are affecting the state. Flood watches and warnings remain in effect for numerous rivers. The Louisiana State Emergency Operations Center is activated.*

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### **MICHIGAN TORNADO AND SEVERE WEATHER**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** *Late Thursday afternoon, a tornado touched down northwest of Dexter, MI approximately 10 miles northwest of Ann Arbor, MI. The tornado travelled on a southeast path touching down sporadically for approximately 3.5 to 4 miles. Local news is reporting that over 100 homes have been affected. No Federal Declaration of Disaster has been made at this time.*

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## MISSISSIPPI HIGH WINDS

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** Five counties in Mississippi have reported damages as a result of high winds. One storm related fatality was reported in Holmes county several homes have been damaged. The Mississippi State EOC is not activated at this time.

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## TEXAS TORNADOES

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** The National Weather Service has confirmed that two tornadoes touched down in Medina County near San Antonio. Local media report that as many as 50 homes were damaged and five people were injured in Devine. No Federal Disaster Declaration has been made.

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## RESOURCES

### VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTERS BY STATE:

#### **Illinois**

*Harrisburg, IL:* The VRC is being administered by Operation Blessing and can be reached at 618-294-9600. Operation Blessing has a page dedicated to the Illinois tornado with information on how to contribute: <http://tinyurl.com/OperationBlessingIL>

#### **Indiana**

*Jeffersonville, IN:* Metro United Way is coordinating the VRC serving Clark County, IN. The VRC can be reached at 812-287-0523. Their website offers volunteer registration for individuals or groups, donation information for those wishing to make a monetary contribution and information on the

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Indiana tornadoes, contact information and tips for residents. Here is their website:

<http://tinyurl.com/MetroUnitedWayIN>

## **Kentucky**

*West Liberty, KY:* Morehead State University is operating a VRC. Volunteers may register online at <http://msucares.volunteerhub.com/Events/Browse.aspx> and the VRC can be reached at 606-783-8756.

Those interested in donating needed items or interested in volunteering may go to

[www.KYEM.KY.GOV](http://www.KYEM.KY.GOV) for more information.

## **Missouri**

*Taney and Stone Counties:*

These VRCs are being operated by AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Corps. VolunteerBranson.org volunteers can download the volunteer registration and other paperwork to have prior to checking in at the VRC.

### **Taney County (Branson)**

Volunteer: (417) 243-2144

Homeowner Hotline: (417) 243-2161

E-mail: [acstlbranson@gmail.com](mailto:acstlbranson@gmail.com)

Located at Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, 269 State Hwy 248

### **Stone County**

Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteer: (417) 598-8871

Homeowner Hotline: (417) 598-8865

Email: [stonecounty.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stonecounty.volunteers@gmail.com)

Located at Harter House Market, 12622 State Hwy 13 & Kissee Ave